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## Canada's SchoolNet – Parents / Youth

Canada's SchoolNet is a collaborative initiative led by Industry Canada, in partnership with provincial and territorial governments, the education community and the private sector. SchoolNet aims to provide high-speed access to the Information Highway to Canadian schools and libraries. The program is a part of *Connecting Canadians*, the Government of Canada's strategy to keep Canada among the leaders in connecting its citizens to the Internet. Following is a listing of some of SchoolNet's programs. If you wish to learn more about SchoolNet, please call **1-800-575-9200**, write to [schoolnet@ic.gc.ca](mailto:schoolnet@ic.gc.ca) or visit [www.schoolnet.ca](http://www.schoolnet.ca).

### SchoolNet GrassRoots Program

Finding the right online content that both educates and motivates young people can be challenging. Visiting the SchoolNet GrassRoots Program at [www.schoolnet.ca/grassroots](http://www.schoolnet.ca/grassroots) is a great place to start. SchoolNet provides funds so that teachers and students can work together to create new online educational projects. The program allows students to develop valuable information and communication technology (ICT) skills by producing content on and for the web. The results have been fantastic from research projects on the television viewing habits of kids around the world to online book-reading clubs to virtual tours of communities across Canada. The SchoolNet GrassRoots Program is a growing online community which parents and students will want to be a part. To find out how your school can apply for funding, or to simply view the projects, visit the SchoolNet GrassRoots Program site today!

### SchoolNet Learning Resources

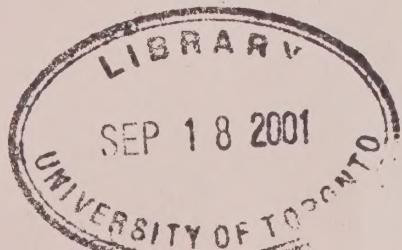
The Internet contains a vast array of educational materials for learning both in and out of the classroom. Finding the right resources can be time-consuming. SchoolNet's web site contains a valuable timesaver for parents and students looking for accurate, up-to-date information for use in school projects and extracurricular learning activities. With more than 5,000 education-related web sites organized by easy-to-use categories and searchable using powerful metadata search engines, SchoolNet Learning Resources at [www.schoolnet.ca/home/e/resources](http://www.schoolnet.ca/home/e/resources) is a must-see online destination!

### SchoolNet Youth Advisory Board

The SchoolNet Youth Advisory Board brings together innovative youth, ages 10 to 18, from across Canada. These young people discuss the future of ICT, the effects technology has on learning and what they feel is needed to ensure equal access to technology for all. Canada's SchoolNet uses the recommendations the board makes to establish the priorities for its youth services. This ensures these services are the best programs possible to prepare youth for the new information economy. For more details, visit [www.schoolnet.ca/syab](http://www.schoolnet.ca/syab).

### @SchoolNet Today

Want to keep up on the latest news and events from the world of e-learning? Make @SchoolNet Today a daily ritual! Every day, @SchoolNet Today gathers the kind of information that parents and youth will find indispensable. It will keep you informed about the latest online educational treasure hunts, interactive web casts with people like astronaut Julie Payette, petitions on banning land mines, and educational contests students can enter. @SchoolNet Today will help you keep on top of learning on the Information Highway. Visit @SchoolNet Today at [www.schoolnet.ca/today](http://www.schoolnet.ca/today).



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## **Canada's Digital Collections**

Want to find quality content designed for and by Canadians? Then visit Canada's Digital Collections at <http://collections.ic.gc.ca>. You'll find a wealth of online resources about Canada's history, geography, science, technology and culture. One of the largest sources of Canadian content on the Internet, Canada's Digital Collections houses more than 400 web sites created by over 2,700 young Canadians working under contract with Industry Canada. Visitors can take a virtual tour through B.C. museums to view the artwork of artist Emily Carr or research the vast archives of McGill University to explore the works of celebrated Canadian architect Moshe Safdie. By employing young people for the projects, the program also offers opportunities for them to develop ICT skills for the Digital Age.

## **SchoolNet Youth Employment Initiative**

Now more than ever, it is vital that young people get the skills and experience they need to function in the changing economy. That is why Canada's SchoolNet created the SchoolNet Youth Employment Initiative. Through this initiative young people ages 15 to 30 work for 16 weeks as ICT consultants in Canadian schools and libraries. Participants get valuable job experience working with computers and the people who need to use them C a fascinating experience and... it looks great on a resume. To apply, visit [www.schoolnet.ca/yei](http://www.schoolnet.ca/yei).

## **SchoolNet Support Parents**

Parents know that they play a critical role in their child's success in school. As schools begin incorporating e-learning into the classroom, it is important that parents have the skills they need to take part. SchoolNet Support Parents helps give parent volunteers the basic Internet skills they need to contribute to the educational environment by funding Information Highway training sessions. Once familiar with computer technology, parents can help teachers and students in their research and curriculum planning, resulting in a more involved school community. For more information, visit [www.stellar.nf.ca/sssp](http://www.stellar.nf.ca/sssp).

## **Computers for Schools**

For young people to get the ICT skills they need for the Information Age, they must have access to computer technology in their learning environment. The Computers for Schools program is helping meet this need by collecting, refurbishing and upgrading computer equipment donated by governments and businesses. The more computers there are in classrooms and libraries, the better the opportunities are for students to take advantage of the possibilities of e-learning. Computers for Schools also works with schools to create workshops where students and teachers can get valuable hands-on experience in computer repair and troubleshooting. Visit [www.schoolnet.ca/cfs-ope](http://www.schoolnet.ca/cfs-ope) for more information.





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